

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 302

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathleen Donnellan, Kingsport City Schools Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Donnellan is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Donnellan has been selected as the 2022–2023 Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an eighth-grade English language arts (ELA) teacher at Sevier Middle School, Kathleen Donnellan is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-four-year veteran educator, Ms. Donnellan taught seventh grade ELA at Sevier Middle School for nineteen years before moving to the eighth grade this school year; and

WHEREAS, a mainstay on Sevier leadership committees, Ms. Donnellan has served as the Kingsport City Schools seventh grade ELA Teacher-Leader multiple times, served on several textbook adoption committees, and sponsored the Sevier Spelling Bee. She also has been selected as the Sevier building-level Teacher of the Year in 2018, 2020, and 2023; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Donnellan received her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Tennessee and earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Donnellan serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Donnellan truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kathleen Donnellan on being chosen as the 2022–2023 Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.